

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the said amendments aforesaid, and each of them, are hereby ratified, agreed to, and confirmed, and the same shall be submitted to the people for their approval, as this General Assembly shall provide.

Approved March 31, 1868.

NUMBER XII.

PETER J. KNAPP.

JOINT RESOLUTION to Congress for the Relief of Peter J. Knapp, Private Co. "H," 5th Iowa Infantry Volunteers.

WHEREAS, Peter J. Knapp, a private of Co. "H," 5th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, was captured by the rebel army at the battle of Mission Ridge, Tennessee, November 25th, 1863, and remained a prisoner until nine of his company, captured with him, had died of want and exposure; and,

WHEREAS, The said soldier was recaptured in December, 1864, by General Grierson, at Egypt Station, on the Ohio and Mobile Railroad, in company with the Union prisoners who were then regarded as deserters and treated as such by our military commanders, but it being known that the said P. J. Knapp never took an oath of allegiance to the so-called rebel government, and that his loyalty and fidelity is and always was unquestionable; and,

WHEREAS, The said Peter J. Knapp has endured great hardship, and did honor to himself and flag on many a battle-field, both before and since his long captivity: therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That we instruct our senators and representatives in Congress to secure such legislation as will authorize the honorable muster-out of the said P. J. Knapp, and the full payment of all back pay and allowances due him as a soldier of the company and regiment above stated, and that the Secretary of State be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

Approved April 2, 1868.